

Department of Agriculture

RCW 43.23

Request	\$165,609,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$6,351,909	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	4.0%	Increase

The Department of Agriculture carries out a broad spectrum of activities that benefit the producers, distributors, and consumers of food and agricultural products.

The department protects public health and safety through its regulation of food producers, processors, and distributors and its regulation of pesticide and fertilizer use. The department seeks to protect the state's natural resources, its agricultural industry, and the public through surveillance, control, and/or eradication of selected plant pests and diseases and animal diseases in Washington State. The department works to facilitate the orderly movement of agricultural products in domestic and international markets by providing timely and accurate official inspection and certification of grain, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, seeds, livestock, and other agricultural commodities. The department combats hunger and improves health among low income individuals and families by supporting nutritious food distribution, food banks, and tribal food voucher programs. The department assists with the development of agricultural markets and to guarantee marketplace equity for businesses and consumers.

Agency Mission

The Washington State Department of Agriculture serves the people of Washington by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2013-15 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
31,220,000	139,949	General Fund - Basic Account - State	29,469,745	31,080,051	31,495,000
22,979,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	22,004,467	22,979,000	26,877,000
818,900		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Unanticipated		818,900	
192,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	147,491	192,000	193,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local Unanticipated	23,091		
2,827,000		Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account - State	2,544,000	2,827,000	2,491,000
1,203,000	2,000	Motor Vehicle Account - State	1,180,403	1,201,000	1,240,000
5,188,000		State Toxics Control Account - State	4,953,223	5,188,000	5,353,000
73,000		Water Quality Permit Account - State	58,493	73,000	73,000
		Freshwater Aquatic Weeds Account - State	228,823		
64,500,900	141,949	Total Appropriated Funds	60,609,736	64,358,951	67,722,000
Non-Appropriated Funds					
		Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	78,721	201,140	
		Agricultural Local Account - Non-Appropriated	38,756,840	43,350,000	46,830,000
		Grain Inspection Revolving Acct - Non-Appropriated	17,189,201	19,384,000	20,674,000
		Fair Account - Non-Appropriated	3,560,945	4,035,000	775,000

Non-Appropriated Funds

Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Acct - Non-Appropriated	27,129,221	27,868,000	29,548,000
Livestock Nutrient Management Acct - Non-Appropriated	395	60,000	60,000
Total Non-Appropriated Funds	86,715,323	94,898,140	97,887,000

Capital Budget: Summary*

2013-15 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
1,000,000		State Building Construction Account - State	980,732	1,000,000	
881,000	686,000	Public Facility Const Loan Revolv - State		195,000	686,000
1,881,000	686,000	Total Appropriated Funds	980,732	1,195,000	686,000

*For detail projects, see 2015-17 Capital Plan.

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2011-13 Actual		2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	3,766,894	2.6%	11,932,032	8.1%	6,351,909	4.0%

Employment Summary

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	723.0	737.9	765.7	770.1	745.9

Agency Local Funds**Rural Rehabilitation Account**

This account is used to account for moneys received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for use in carrying out rural rehabilitation programs under the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act. It provides funds for farm rehabilitation loans, grants, and other purposes specified by agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Statement of Local Fund Balances

	7/1/13 Fund Balance	6/30/15 Estimated Fund Balance	2015-17 Estimated Revenues	2015-17 Estimated Expenditures	6/30/17 Estimated Fund Balance
Non-Budgeted Funds					
Rural Rehabilitation Account	273,221	268,221	0	10,000	258,221